

## Senate Resolution 260

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th and Hooks of the 14th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating and recognizing Historic Preservation Day at Rhodes Hall; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 12, 2007, Georgia celebrated the 274th anniversary of its founding;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the preservation and rehabilitation of historic places have contributed to the  
6 economic and social well-being of our state by revitalizing downtowns, rehabilitating historic  
7 neighborhoods, attracting tourists, increasing tax bases, and creating jobs and real estate  
8 investment opportunities in historic districts throughout Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the Main Street Program downtown revitalization program in 107 cities  
10 administered through the Department of Community Affairs with design assistance provided  
11 by The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and the University of Georgia has assisted  
12 more than 3,500 businesses to rehabilitate their historic buildings; and

13 WHEREAS, about three-quarters of a billion private dollars have been invested in  
14 completing certified historic rehabilitation projects in Georgia administered by the Historic  
15 Preservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources; and

16 WHEREAS, historic sites are the number one destination chosen by visitors to Georgia and  
17 heritage tourism is a major feature of Georgia's \$28 billion tourism economy that employs  
18 217,000 Georgians with a return of \$1.3 billion in state and local tax revenue; and

19 WHEREAS, 120 communities throughout Georgia have established historic preservation  
20 commissions which recognize the important contributions historic places make to the quality  
21 of life in Georgia cities and counties; and

1 WHEREAS, Georgia is among the nation's leaders in number of Main Street communities,  
2 certified historic tax rehabilitations, historic certified local governments, and number of  
3 members of its state-wide historic preservation organization, The Georgia Trust for Historic  
4 Preservation; and

5 WHEREAS, Rhodes Hall, a mansion built by Rhodes Furniture founder Amos Rhodes,  
6 became the first State Archives of Georgia in 1930 and is now headquarters for The Georgia  
7 Trust for Historic Preservation, and it is only fitting that this body should recognize and  
8 celebrate Historic Preservation Day at Rhodes Hall on February 13, 2007.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
10 commend the Georgia historic preservation industry and join in the celebration at the  
11 legislative reception on February 13, 2007, at Rhodes Hall.